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If there is salvation from ruin in severe prohibitory laws, Maine will be saved. A law passed by the last legislature has just gone into effect. It makes the penalty for keeping a tipping shop or on search and seizure process \$100 fine and 60 days in jail for the first or any succeeding offence.

The effort to stop the making and use of artificial butter by taxing it is not successful. The government's revenue from sales of stamps for it have steadily increased since the law went into effect. Minnesota has just passed a law requiring that all oleomargarine sold in the State shall be colored a bright pink.

The folks out at Columbus, Ind., which is at the center of population of the United States as determined at the last census, have erected a monument to mark the fact and had a big jollification. Let's see, it was Dr. Holmes who said that the center of the earth sticks out visibly. [Rutland Herald.]

And wasn't it Rutland that Dr. Holmes had in his mind's eye when he made the remark?

The steamer Itata, in the service of the Chilean insurgents, was stopped by officers of this government on the California coast for violation of the neutrality laws in carrying arms and ammunition to the insurgents. A United States marshal was put on board, but the steamer sailed, taking him along. He was landed a few miles down the coast. Then the government sent the cruiser Charleston in pursuit and at last accounts she was chasing the Itata southward. A report that she had caught up with and sunk the Chilean ship was printed in yesterday's papers, but is not generally believed.

The Windsor Journal thinks that farmers in some parts of Vermont could engage profitably in truck farming and it is undoubtedly correct. It is surprising that a large proportion of truck farm products consumed in Burlington comes from outside the State, and the same condition of things probably prevails in the other large towns in Vermont. [Burlington Free Press.]

It has been said for years by farmers in towns about Burlington that they never could find there buyers for produce taken into the city. Why this should be the fact we shall not undertake to say. Perhaps Burlingtonians prefer foreign-grown produce; if so, the Free Press has a mission in educating them up to an appreciation of the home article.

The Massachusetts legislature has before it a tax bill which provides that "when any person liable to taxation on personal property shall fail to bring in to the assessors a true list, duly sworn to, of his personal property, or, having brought in such a list, shall refuse to answer on oath all necessary inquiries of the assessors, the latter, after making an estimate of the value of his personal estate, shall add to it an equal amount upon which the person shall be assessed and pay taxes by way of doonage." The Boston Journal and other prominent papers oppose the bill on the ground that it lodges too much power in the hands of the assessors. The provisions of the bill are, it will be noticed, exactly like those of the Vermont law of 1880.

Here is what Edison promises as his contribution to the novelties at the Columbian exposition:

My intention is to have such a happy combination of photography and electricity that a man can sit in his own parlor and see depicted upon a certain form of the players in opera upon a distant stage and to hear the voices of the singers. When the system is perfected, which will be in time for the fair, each little muscle of the singer's face will be seen to work, every color of his or her attire will be exactly reproduced and the stride and positions will be as natural and vary as those of the live characters. To the sporting fraternity I will state that this system can be applied to prize fights. The whole scene, with the noise

of the blows, talk, etc., will be truthfully transferred. Arrangements can be made to send views of the mill in stock and race flicker.

THE SWEDES ONCE MORE.

A letter purporting to come from a Swedish settler at Norton's Mills, the new town in the northern part of the State, saying that the Swedes who had settled there were destitute and suffering for the necessities of life, came to the attention of the Swedish vice-consul, Gerit Lantz of Boston, who wrote to Gov. Page, asking if the statement was true. The governor took steps to find out the true condition of affairs, and his investigation shows the charges to be unfounded.

The above is an exchange of summary of a voluminous correspondence which has been printed in several of the State papers. Gov. Page deserves the thanks of the commonwealth for ascertaining the truth and making it known. Mr. Valentine's Scandinavian recruits are in a sense the wards of the State and now that we have them on our hands they ought to be looked after and cared for if they need it. And that is all there is of this matter. We are not anxious for any more experiments of this sort and the most that the State authorities should do is to take care of those already here. There is no occasion for bringing more of them in.

DR. BRIGGS' CASE.

Rev. Dr. Briggs, a leading teacher in the Union Theological seminary at New York, has created something of a stir in theological circles by his views on the Bible. His ideas are not in accord with those of the New York presbytery, who decided on Tuesday to investigate him. It is believed the trial will cause divisions among the Presbyterians, whatever the investigators may discover. The New York Mail and Express, whose editor, the redoubtable Col. Elliot F. Shepard, is as fierce in his denunciations of possible lapses from orthodoxy as he is of the South and everything southern, works itself into a state of mind over Dr. Briggs, saying, among other pleasant things:

What a disgrace it is to the Union Theological seminary that their whimsical Prof. Briggs should throw his arms about the presbytery and shout out that he appeals to the civil power! His ecclesiasticism makes him a tyrant, just as it does the sultan, the czar, the pope. No intending student of evangelical theology should enter next year at the Union Theological seminary, unless Prof. Briggs pursues the honorable course of leaving, or the directors dismiss him.

The directors have an important duty in this matter to the whole public. If they decide to sustain whimsical Prof. Briggs, or if they resolve not to inquire as to his teachings, they will forfeit the public confidence and turn the seminary into a Bible-chopping, faith-altering synagogue of Satan.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Vermont farmers have not been so hopeful for years as they are at present according to a gentleman who is in a position to know. [Burlington Free Press.]

Is it not true that the percentage of abandoned and deserted saw-mill and other water privileges in Vermont is fully equal to that of its deserted and abandoned farms, which have been talked about so as to seriously injure the prestige and prosperity of Vermont? [Montpelier Argus.]

BASE BALL.

The nines of the Burlington and Middlebury high schools are to play at the college grounds here tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

A game between the freshman nine and the high school boys at the college grounds on Saturday last resulted in a victory for the latter, the score standing 18 to 12.

PINE HALL BURGLARIZED.

Mr. F. A. Bond's clothing store was entered by burglars at an early hour on Wednesday morning and goods to the value of \$50 to \$100 were stolen. About 2 o'clock a. m. Night Watchman Dickinson in making his rounds discovered a light in the front part of the store. He supposed at first that one of the clerks had been called down for something, but when he went to the door and spoke, asking who was there, the light was extinguished and the intruders ran toward the rear of the building. Mr. Dickinson then waked up Mr. Miller at the electric light station and sent him after Mr. Bond, while he remained to watch. Examinations made on Mr. Bond's arrival showed that the thief or thieves had effected an entrance into the water-closet at the rear through a small window that is habitually left open for ventilation; thence they proceeded into the store by prying with a bar or cold chisel on the door, which is fastened by hooks. The stock of furnishing goods was considerably stirred up, and some of the shirts and other garments were in such state as to indicate that they had been tried on. The articles taken include a dozen or more watch chains, a number of charms, shirts, silk handkerchiefs, etc., and perhaps some clothing. The money drawer was forced open and its contents, about \$3 in pennies and five and ten-cent pieces, were taken. The job does not look as if it had been done

by boys. The burglars escaped by the same route as that by which they entered.

PERSONAL.

The recent death at Brooklyn of Thomas Jefferson Conant, D. D., leaves Merritt Clark of Poulney the sole survivor of the class of 1823 of Middlebury college.

The war department has presented a medal of honor to Gen. L. G. Butterfield of Vermont for gallantry during the civil war. These medals are distributed by the war department authorities.

A remarkable religious revival is in progress at Cleveland. It is said that at least 7000 persons have already been led to choose a Christian life. Rev. E. F. Mills, whose work in this community is well remembered, is conducting the meetings.

The Boston Journal says that the many friends ex-Gov. J. Gregory Smith of Vermont will be gratified to learn that he has so far recovered from his illness as to ride out. His improved health gives promise that he will soon be able to resume the active duties of the presidency of the Central Vermont railroad.

The Zanesville (O.) Courier of the 5th inst. gives an account of the marriage in that city the previous evening of Miss Gertrude, daughter of Rev. Dr. C. B. Hulbert, and Rev. E. B. Wylie, acting pastor of the Summerdale Congregational mission, Chicago. The bride's father performed the ceremony, assisted by Rev. E. E. Rogers.

Senator Edmunds and family have come to Burlington for the summer. The Senator said to an interviewer at Washington: "I shall not bid farewell to Washington at this time. It is true we have rented our house for two years, but we expect to spend a good deal of time in that city every winter. My law business will call me thither."

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. D. J. Galvin of Brattleboro is with friends in town.

Mr. C. C. Peck has just returned from an extended business trip to Boston and Portland.

Mr. Michael O'Sullivan of Sandy Hill, N. Y., has entered the store of Mr. F. A. Bond as clerk.

Mr. Will Hammond, who has been studying at a business college in New York city, is home.

Mr. Joel Linsley of Burlington has visited at his mother's, Mrs. E. W. Linsley, the past week.

Theron Kingsley, son of Mr. James T. Kingsley, is dangerously ill from inflammation of the bowels.

Mr. G. O. Guild, a prominent business man of Bellows Falls, was in town on Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Luella, daughter of Mr. D. C. Smith of Addison, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. B. F. Sutton.

Mr. O. J. Sawyer of the college will act as organist at the Baptist church till the close of the college year.

Col. N. F. Dunshee of Bristol was in town for a few hours Tuesday morning on his way home from New York.

Rev. Frank B. Hyde is at his home here, having closed his pastorate of the Wilmington Congregational church.

Misses Hattie and Jennie Williamson, who were severely injured in a runaway three weeks ago, are able to ride out.

Mrs. A. P. Tupper, who has been ill for some weeks, is gradually failing. Her daughter, Mrs. Murkland, is still with her.

Mrs. A. C. Dow has returned from Johnstown, N. Y., where she went two years ago with Rev. T. G. Thompson and family.

Lake G. E. Marshall intends going to Lake George tomorrow on a fishing excursion. His health has been poor all the spring.

Prof. Yager has been invited to serve on the board of annual examination at Wesleyan university, Middletown, Conn., and will accept.

Mr. E. W. Benedict of the senior class at college will be at the head of the Bristol graded school next year, Principal A. W. Varney having resigned.

Prof. Samuel Sheldon of the Brooklyn Polytechnic institute has in press an introductory text-book for students in college, entitled, "Chapters on Electricity."

Rev. Thomas Bell, the rector of St. Stephen's, went to Milton on Wednesday to attend the laying of the corner-stone of the new Trinity Episcopal church there.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hammond have taken up their residence at the Morison house on South Pleasant street, which was lately vacated by Dr. Smith and family.

Judge Slade and Messrs. Bliss and Wilds have been in Orwell this week for a hearing on a case in which Judge Slade is the master. They came home yesterday morning.

Mrs. G. E. Towne and daughter, Miss Maudie, have arrived in town and the family are established in the rooms at Mr. Twitchell's lately vacated by Mr. Wells and family.

Mrs. A. H. Fisher, who had been in town with her husband for several weeks, went to her home in Bellows Falls on Monday. Mr. Fisher will remain here

till the water rises and the logs are safely boomed at the pulp mills.

Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Prentiss, their younger son and Mrs. Prentiss' sister, Miss Crane, have come back to town from New York, where they have been for two years, and are at their home east of the village. The doctor while in the city was the business manager of a publishing house. It is understood that the failure of his health caused him to resign the position.

Mr. Clinton Smith started for Washington Sunday night in response to a telegram. It is understood that he has been offered an appointment to a fine position as supervising architect—just what his official title we cannot say precisely—and that he has gone down to see whether acceptance of the place will interfere with the building contracts he now has with the government.

Since it is now a well-established fact that catarrh is a blood disease, medical men are quite generally prescribing Ayer's Sarsaparilla for that most loathsome complaint, and the result, in nearly every instance, proves the wisdom of their advice.



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I shall have these waters patrolled and shall, WITHOUT FAVOR, prosecute every party fishing in these streams.

THAD. M. CHAPMAN,

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